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## HC Information

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**O**n a daily basis commissioners throughout the state deal with the management of their districts and making decisions is a weekly activity in terms of setting policy.

One of the many areas commissioners are responsible for is the health care and employee benefit programs of their districts. Making the proper decision, dealing with negotiations, and living with budget constraints are all part of the process.

The IRSRA Committee provides information each year to assist the districts and commissioners with background data as well as providing a variety of plans to assist in meeting obligations. A number of years ago the IRSRA Committee determined that while a great deal of information was provided at annual workshops, conferences, county and district meetings, this information was not readily available when commissioners needed it for discussions, negotiations, or to assist in making decisions.

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For the past several years, following each gathering, we have posted the materials presented during workshops and conferences on the WFCA website, so that they can be used by the districts at the most appropriate time for them. Today there are many charts and graphs from both the 2005 and 2006 meetings as well as premium calculator, benchmark material, and other comparative data. Additionally, we recently added a link to the CMS website, which is the Medicare information center.

However, this site serves more than Medicare patient population by providing information as well as how they measure against leading hospitals in the United States. This site can be very helpful in selecting the best location for treatment of specific illnesses, and as this databank increases in the number of disease issues measured, it will eventually be useful for all hospital care. This website, as well as those of other organizations, such as the Puget Sound Health Alliance, are working to inform the public of providers that have the best outcomes for effective disease management.

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## 2006 NAEFO Convention

**T**he Third Annual Convention of the National Association of Elected Fire Officials (NAEFO) will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, September 19-20, 2006 at the at The Golden Nugget Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The convention provides an excellent opportunity to get involved in a growing organization that is dedicated to elected fire officials' issues on the national level. The featured speaker this year is Sean Carroll of the Congressional Fire Services Institute in Washington, D.C.

A registration brochure was distributed to WFCA members in July; if you would like an additional copy, log onto [www.naefo.org](http://www.naefo.org) or call the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322.

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## A Message from the President *by Richard Kistler*



**T**he WFCA is moving into an extremely busy and important time in the year.

In September, WFCA members who have chosen to join in the National Association of Fire Officials will have the opportunity to attend the annual conference in Las Vegas.

NAEFO has made many inroads into several new states and, at the national level, NAEFO has gained membership on a committee to help establish national standards for home sprinkler systems.

Thanks to the hard work of our staff and several members, NAEFO continues to grow and become a strong voice for elected fire officials.

Following in October, the an-

nual conference of the WFCA promises to continue to be highly valuable and inspirational to our members.

We have already reported on the educational opportunities at conference and the securing of the always informative and enjoyable services of Gordon Graham.

*I would once again like to remind all of us of the important work being done by our Legislative Committee.*

We also have had some suggested bylaws changes referred to our Bylaws Committee and will be discussing and taking action on those suggested changes.

I do wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all who have taken the time to submit those changes and to the Bylaws Committee for reviewing those suggested changes and bringing forth recommendations regarding those amendments to the general membership meeting.

Lastly, I would once again like to remind all of us of the important work being done by our Legislative Committee. The members of that committee have been working hard to establish our legislative priorities, and soon will be meeting with the leadership of other fire-service groups to outline a coordinated and concerted effort to support legislation important to all of us.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at conference.

## IRSRA Committee Seeks Member

**T**he WFCA Insurance Rate Stabilization Reserve Account (IRSRA) Committee is seeking a member to fill a vacancy which occurred as a result of Russ Price's resignation. The committee wishes to thank Commissioner Price for his dedicated service.

The committee, which is responsible for policy matters for the WFCA health care program, is seeking a commissioner from a Western Washington fire district that participates in the WFCA health care program.

The committee holds three

regular weekday meetings a year, often for a two-day period. The two-day meeting schedule is necessary because of the complexities of health care and the responsibility to provide the best programs for fire districts.

In addition, during negotiations for health care the committee may have six to ten special meetings a year.

If you are interested in serving on the IRSRA Committee, please submit a letter of interest and resume by October 6, 2006. Interviews will take place at the annual conference in October.

### ON THE WEB...

**Classified ads are posted on the WFCA web site typically within 48 hours of receipt by the WFCA. If you have an item for the Classified section, email information to [norae@wfca.wa.gov](mailto:norae@wfca.wa.gov). Visit [www.wfca.wa.gov](http://www.wfca.wa.gov) to view the latest "for sale" ads and position announcements.**

# 58th Annual WFCA Conference

The WFCA's 58th Annual Conference will be held at the Doubletree Hotel/Seattle Airport in SeaTac beginning Thursday, October 19, 2006. Conference will conclude on Saturday afternoon, October 21, at approximately 1:30 p.m. Thanks to those of you who completed seminar evaluation forms—your feedback is vital to the Education Committee in providing the type of course offerings you request. The following is information concerning conference; for a complete schedule of events and registration form, refer to the brochure which was mailed to all members, or visit [www.wfca.wa.gov](http://www.wfca.wa.gov) (click *WFCA Programs* on the drop-down menu entitled *Education & Training* to download the registration form), or call the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322.

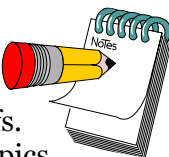


## WELCOME TO CONFERENCE!

A Welcome to Conference Continental Breakfast, sponsored by WFCA Associate Members Emergency Services Insurance Program (ESIP) and Rice Fergus Miller Architects, will be held on Thursday, October 19, beginning at 8 a.m. Be sure to stop by for a great breakfast and conversation!

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Conference registration forms have been distributed to all member fire commissioners, secretaries and chiefs. The registration forms outline class topics, schedule of events (including specific timelines for workshops, business sessions, meal functions) and other conference information. Be sure to submit your registration prior to the October 13 deadline! A separate registration will be mailed for the Snure Seminar which will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 18.



## BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Elections will be held on Friday, October 20, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., for the officers and even-numbered regional director positions. The length of time allotted for voting will be 30 minutes, as previously determined by the membership. The Nominating Committee report will be included in the next edition of *Fireline* (October).

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Each year at conference a memorial service is held for commissioners, secretaries and chiefs who have passed away during the year. If you know of someone who has passed on, please contact the WFCA office. You will be mailed a form requesting information about the deceased so that they may be remembered at conference.



## MULTI-YEAR AWARDS FOR FIRE COMMISSIONER SERVICE

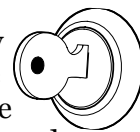
The WFCA Board has adopted a multi-year fire commissioner recognition program to acknowledge the service of 15 and 20 year commissioners (formerly, 10 and 25 year service was recognized). To qualify for any of these awards, an individual must be from a member fire district and service must be as a fire commissioner—no other positions of service on behalf of the district apply to these awards. Each award features a commemorative item which will be presented to the qualifying commissioner during conference. If you have completed your 10, 15, 20 or 25 years of service, contact the WFCA office for an application form.

## HEALTH CARE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Health Care Manager Pete Spiller and Consultant Tom Treves will be available at a specific time during conference to answer your questions about the WFCA Health Care Program. This is **not** a class or group program! Instead, you will have an opportunity to get answers in an informal, one-on-one basis. More information will be posted at conference.

## GUEST ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room reservations may be secured by calling toll-free 1.800.222.8733—the room rate at the Doubletree is \$109 (be sure to mention you are with the WFCA and call prior to September 18 in order to get the group rate).



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference will conclude with a Board Installation Luncheon on Saturday, October 21. If you have questions regarding conference classes or registration, or general questions, be sure to call the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322.



# Ads

**FOR SALE by Grays Harbor 5:** The following surplus vehicles: 1) '74 Ford Pumper (\$1500); 2) '68 Internat'l Tender (\$1,500); 3) '96 Ford Crown Victoria (\$1,000); 4) '84 Ford Pumper (\$12,000). All vehicles sold as is w/no warranty, implied or otherwise. Contact Chief Coggan, 360.482.1641 or 360.346.0311.

**FOR SALE by N Kitsap Fire & Rescue:** '74 Sutphen model R8V-71CE6, steel body w/10 cabinets; aerial type is platform front mounted 85' W/4" waterway; last certified 11/04; eng is 8V71 Detroit w/5 speed man trans. Asking \$45,000. NKF&R reserves right to reject all bids.

**FOR SALE by Mason 2:** Two 1982 Seagrave Fire Engines, V6 Detroit Diesel 671N, Allison Transmission, 2 Stage Waterous Pump 1000 gpm – 750 gallon poly tank. Each engine includes: hose, ladders, pike poles, generator, scene lights, monitor, radios, emergency lighting and other miscellaneous equipment. Refurbished in 1999, one engine has 30,441 miles and 742 pump hours, second engine has 40,625 miles and 1120 pump hours. Asking price \$15,000 each, for more information contact: Mason County Fire District 2, Chief Mike Greene, 360 275.6711, ext 1.

**FOR SALE by Pend Oreille 3:** The following surplus items are offered for general sale or donation to the public and fire departments. Sales "as is where is basis" w/no warranty expressed/implied. District will also accept best offer bids on the following equipment. To view equipment. call Chief Mark Havener @ 509-447-5305 or email mark@pofd3.org.

- ◆ One set Code 3 Hydraulic extrication set; Power unit, hoses, spreader, cutter and ram \$4500.
- ◆ One 2500 gallon fold-a-tank portable dump tank \$200.
- ◆ Multiple 2.5", 4" Suction hoses. Some threaded some Cam-lock, \$10 each.
- ◆ Two Engine Intake valves, 5" NST gate valve, 6"NST butterfly \$25 each.

- ◆ One Engine intake gated wye 6" NST x 2.5" NST \$25.
- ◆ Two Electric Heater 240V 5500 watt \$10.
- ◆ One 35' 2 section extension ladder \$250.
- ◆ One Electric/ hydraulic lift gate assembl from Cargo van \$1000.
- ◆ Assorted miscellaneous small items.

**FOR SALE by Pierce 6 (Central Pierce Fire & Rescue):** District has the following vehicles & equipment for sale:

- ◆ 1 - '80 Mack 50' Telesquirt, (T 80-1). CF Cab, Mack ENDT 676 eng, Allison Trans, Jake Brakes, 1,500 gpm Waterous pump. 500 gallon tank, mobile radio, Intercom system, 1000' 5" hose, 1-35' ext ladder, 1-14' roof ladder, 1-10' folding ladder. Approx 158,000 miles, \$25,000 O.B.O.
- ◆ 1- 1994 Ford E-I Type I ambulance. (M 94-2) F 350, 7.3 liter diesel, Telma Retarder, mobile radio, intercom system, Ferno cot. Approx 145,000 miles, \$10,500 O.B.O.

All items are sold "as is, where is" with no warranty expressed or implied. Items can be inspected at 17210 110th Ave E, Puyallup, WA 98374. For more information contact Assistant Chief William Thomas, "Central Pierce Fire and Rescue" at 253.538.6400, Fax 253.537.7294 or email wthomas@centralpiercefire.org.

**FOR SALE by Spokane Valley Fire Dept:** SVFD makes this call for bids for the sale of a Breathing Air Compressor. The compressor is a Jordair K1500, 9.2 CFM, 7.5 HP, 230 VAC Single Phase, with 2000 hours. It is still in use and includes all the plumbing, valves, fill station and 9 storage bottles. Sealed bids will be received until 4 pm on 9/29/06 at 10319 E Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA 99206. Questions, please call 509.892.4160.

**WANTED by Riverside Fire Dept (Okanogan County):** Department is in need of a good Pumper. Current Pumper is a '75 mack 600 (good in its day, but dept needs something more

dependable). If you have a pumper or tender you would like to donate to a dept in need please call Rusty at 509.322.0666 or email rusty-soil@hotmail.com.

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT by Vashon Island Fire & Rescue:** Dist is accepting applications for a Battalion Chief-Training and Safety Officer. Position responsible for coordinating all District training activities, incident safety officer duties, coordinating volunteer recruitment, and is an integral part of the management team. Applicant must possess high capability for oral and written communication; and skill in conflict resolution. Salary \$55-75K, this is a FLSA exempt, non-represented position.

## Minimum Qualifications:

- ◆ Requires two-year AA or AS degree (other combinations of education, training and experience will be evaluated on an individual basis for comparability); and
- ◆ Requires two years experience as a career officer, Lieutenant or higher, with emphasis on training and safety in a combination department; or
- ◆ Five years as a volunteer officer, Lieutenant or higher, with emphasis on training and safety with a volunteer or combination fire department; or
- ◆ Any combination of experience and education that provides knowledge and expertise to meet the position's requirements.

## Licensing and Other Requirements:

Firefighter I, Emergency Vehicle Accident Prevention (EVAP) certified, Washington State or IFSAC Instructor I (Instructor II required within one year of hire) and a WA State Driver's License or able to obtain one within 90 days of employment.

## Residency:

Successful candidate will be required to reside on Vashon Island within six months of start date and when necessary, including nights and weekends, able to respond to incidents in the District within 25 minutes.

## WFCA AUXILIARY SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE

Dear Friends,

Once again, as the time for the WFCA Annual Convention (October 19-21) in Seattle nears, the WFCA Auxiliary is making plans for its *2006 Annual Silent Auction & Raffle*. The proceeds of this auction benefit the Harborview Burn Center. In the past 20 years we have raised over \$50,000 for this project.

This year we are asking for your help!

1. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE AUCTION. It is through the generosity of people like you that the Silent Auction and Raffle has been so successful in the past. If you would be able to contribute we would be very appreciative. Your generous donations may be left in the Silent Auction & Raffle room Wednesday night, October 18th or Thursday morning, October 19th. Please be sure to identify your district on your donation. Thank you in advance for your support.

NOTE: WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY PERISHABLE ITEMS.

2. MEMBERSHIP. We need people who are willing to join our group and help or donate to the Silent Auction. The cost of insurance and mailing is going up and if we do not get more members the cost has to come out of our overhead. The dues are \$15.00. All dues will go to help with our expenses and you will have contributed to a very good cause.

Thank you,

*Lois Hensley*

*To contact Lois Hensley, Silent Auction & Raffle Chairperson, write 1603 W. Ballard Rd., Spokane, WA 99208, or call 509.466.2162.*

*To contact Kim Burrus, Silent Auction & Raffle Co-Chairperson, write 4109 Melody Ln., Pasco, WA 99302, or call 509.547.9476.*

NOTE: Only cash or check payments will be accepted for auction and raffle items.

### WFCA Health Care 2007

Administrative workshops for the WFCA health care program were held earlier this month in Kelso, Lynnwood and Spokane; turnout was very good. There are many changes and enhancements for the 2007 plans so if you were unable to attend a workshop, please call the WFCA at 1.800.491.9322 for information.

### HC From Page One

Following the August workshops, information on the 2007 plans, benchmarks on health care costs and plan design, as well as direct links to Express Scripts, and other services will be added to the WFCA website.

Take an opportunity to review the webpage and the materials available. We believe that you will find it useful throughout

the year as we continue to build a reservoir of information and data that can be used by each district and all of the commissioners in their daily operations.

Check this site often at [www.wfca.wa.gov](http://www.wfca.wa.gov) for updates on the health care program and schedules of workshops and conferences.

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